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FROM LOCKSLEY HALL.

BY ALFRED TENNYSON.

Can I but relive in sadness? I will turn that earlier page.
Hide me from my deep emotion, O thou wondrous Mother-Age!

Make me feel the wild pulsations that I felt before the strife,
When I heard my days before me, and the tumult of my life;

Yearning for the large excitement that the coming years would
yield,
Eager-hearted as a boy when first he leaves his father's field,

And at night along the dusty highway near and nearer drawn,
Sees in heaven the light of London flaring like a dreary dawn;

And his spirit leaps within him to be gone before him, then,
Underneath the light he looks at, in among the throngs of men;

Men, my brothers, men the workers, ever reaping something
new:
That which they have done but earnest of the things that they
shall do:

For I dipped into the future, far as human eye could see,
Saw the vision of the world, and all the wonder that would be;

Saw the heavens fill with commerce, argosies of magic sails,
Pilots of the purple twilight, dropping down with costly bales;

Heard the heavens fill with shouting, and there rain'd a ghastly
dew
From the nations' airy navies grappling in the central blue;

Far along the world-wide whisper of the south-wind rushing warm,
With the standards of the peoples plunging thro' the thunder-
storm;

Till the war drum throb'd no longer, and the battle-flags were
furled

In the Parliament of man, the Federation of the world.

There the common sense of most shall hold a fretful realm in awe,
And the kindly earth shall slumber, lapt in universal law.

NEXT EDUCATIONAL STEP IN THE GREAT PEACE MOVEMENT.

BY GEO. N. HOSS.

In all great reforms there is always a next step, sometimes smaller, sometimes larger, but always necessary. So in the peace movement, many such steps have already been taken, as the great Pan-American Congress of 1890, recommending:

1. A definite plan of arbitration for settlement of difficulties between American nations.

2. The adoption of a similar plan by the nations of Europe.

3. That the right of conquest cannot be recognized by American nations.

This was a great step, and no doubt did much to check the hot haste and unholy spirit of war both in this country and in Chile in the late Chilean troubles.

Another great step was taken when the United States Senate authorized the President to negotiate with foreign nations for "an international agreement for the creation of a proper tribunal whereby disputes between nations may be adjusted without resort to war."

This latter is a great step as an educational factor. Although Europe cannot, or rather, will not accept this at present, yet good men cannot avoid considering it and urging it upon their respective governments. Thus it stands as a perpetual finger-board pointing nations to better things, and so a perpetual education to all who have heads to think and consciences to approve the right. This is the heaven in the meal that will work.

Now, whereas this nation has taken these great steps in the lead of other nations, the next, and to many the astounding step, is to talk, discuss and hope for *disarmament*. Of course the conservative will exclaim, too fast! not ready! The belligerent will exclaim, wild! fanatical! national safety! national honor! etc. This we expect, but "come let us reason together."

First, We do not say disarmament now, or next month, or next year, but we do say begin now to agitate, *to educate*. In all great changes, public sentiment must be educated, through years and decades, as in the abolition of slavery, the prohibition of the liquor traffic, the equality of all men before the law.

For clearness we consider the matter under two heads:

1. Demand. 2. Means.

The demand lies in the following facts:

(1) As long as men engage in military service they will foster a military spirit, and as a consequence, whenever there comes the least international trouble, they are ready, yea, anxious to settle the matter by war. The historic proof of this is abundant. The rationale of the case is obvious; namely, *men love to do what they are trained to do*. Men who have been killing their fellows all their lives in imagination are only too ready when opportunity offers, to kill them in fact.

(2) America can afford to lead in this educational movement for two indisputable reasons: (a) because of her strength, (b) because of her proved desire for peace. The first will prevent assault, the second will win favor.

I do not here forget the pompous talk about "national honor," but I leave this out of sight as I find nothing of the kind in Christ's teachings. If we ever reach universal peace, we will reach it through the spirit of Christ, and not through military pride and military ambition which are anti-Christ.

2. Means. Here is the strain. Strong as the United